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PATENT

### REMARKS

In the parent application (USSN 09/508,552), the Examiner set forth the following revised restriction requirement in Paper No. 9: Group II consisting of claims 1-16, 21, 22, 25-37, 42, 43, and 46-69 and drawn to a composition and method of using HIV-1 antigen, SEQ ID NO:2 was elected for prosecution in the parent application.

Applicants have amended claims 21 and 42 and canceled claims 22 and 43 to remove all reference to the HIV-1 antigen having SEQ ID NO:2 and its use in a composition and methods of the present invention.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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